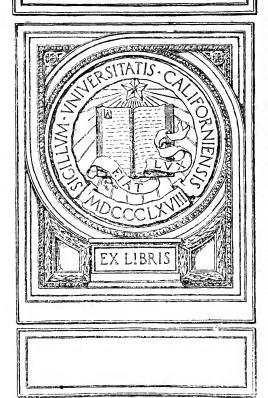


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PRESIDENT HARDING'S ENDORSEMENT

"White House, Washington, D. C., March 26, 1921.

"Hon. Morgan J. O'Brien,

Chairman Executive Committee for Relief in Ireland, N. Y. C.

"I wish you the fullest measure of success not only in the great benefit performance at the Metropolitan Opera House on April 3rd, but in every worthy effort to make a becoming contribution on the part of our people to relieve distress among the women and children in Ireland. The people of America never will be deaf to the call for relief in behalf of suffering humanity, and the knowledge of distress in Ireland makes quick and deep appeal to the more fortunate of our own land where so many of our citizens trace kinship to the Emerald Isle.

WARREN G. HARDING."

VICE-PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S ENDORSEMENT

Vice-President Coolidge said:

"With the communication of President Harding wishing success in the effort to relieve the distress among women and children in Ireland, I am in entire accord. Whenever there has been reason to aid suffering humanity the people of Massachusetts have been foremost in their response. They will be especially responsive of a race which has contributed so much to the defense and greatness of our commonwealth."

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"All funds are to be expended solely for relief under the supervision of men of the highest character and integrity; contributors will have the satisfaction of knowing that their money is relieving destitution and bringing comfort and consolation to the women and children of a race that has itself always been pre-eminently distinguished by generosity and charity.

"While the sad plight of the destitute in Ireland appeals to our common sentiments of humanity, it ought to touch American hearts with special force. The Irish people out of their poverty have more than once in times past sent aid to suffering Americans. Nor should we forget that not even to the French nation do we owe more for the achievement of our independence than we owe to the Irish soldiers of the American revolution. To the French we have proved that a nation may be moved by sentiments of gratitude; let us pay some small portion of our debt to the Irish by practical sympathy in their sufferings. I need not urge upon Americans of Irish descent their special duty to their own flesh and blood; they have given generously to all other suffering peoples, they will not forget the sufferings of their own.

"I recommend this cause to the Catholic clergy of this country whatever be their own racial origin. The whole Catholic church of America is most deeply indebted to the Irish people. It is not too much to expect that in every parish of our land effective means be taken to collect funds for the relief of the suffering in Ireland."

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SECTION II.

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR RELIEF IN IRELAND

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts and Disbursements from the Commencement to August 17, 1922

RECEIPTS	
Contributions and Donations—Schedule "A". Contributions to Relief Fund. \$5,021,694.39 Donations to Expense Fund. 47,500.00	\$5,069,194.39
Interest, etc on Investments	72,039.93 41,382.23 39,250.25 508.89 905.63
penses	215.43
Total	\$5,223,496.75
RELIEF WORK Remittances to Treasurer Irish White Cross— Schedule "B" \$4,929,353.70 Expenditures by A. C. R. I. Representatives sent to Ireland—Schedule "C" 57,346.83	\$4,986,700.53
Expenses of National Executive Committee—Schedule "D"—Part 2	190,664.06 8,327.75
Total Disbursements Balance—Cash on Deposit—Central Union Trust Co. of N. Y To Credit of Relief Fund. \$34,993.86 To Credit of Expense Fund. 2,810.55	\$5,185,692.34 37,804.41
Total	\$5,223,496.75
Certified Correct: John J. 1 EDWARD J. McPike, (Certified Public Accountant),	Pulleyn, Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

We have audited the accounts of the Treasurer of the National Executive Committee of the American Committee for Relief in Ireland stated above. The contributions and donations have been compared with duplicates of acknowledgments issued for the Treasurer and with reports from Local Committees; the miscellaneous receipts have been verified with Bank Statements and other data; the payments have been vouched with acknowledgments received from Mr. James G. Douglas or other satisfactory evidence and the expenses with duly approved bills. In our opinion the above statement gives a true account of the Treasurer's receipts and payments.

(Signed) PATTERSON, TEELE AND DENNIS,

September 18, 1922.

Assistant Treasurer.

Accountants and Auditors.

SCHEDULE "A"

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR RELIEF IN IRELAND TREASURER'S REPORT

Contributions and Donations from the Commencement to August 17, 1922

	Quota		Total Credit	Percentage of Quota
American Red Cross		\$	100,000.00	
Alabama\$	5,000.00		8,041.01	160.82
Alaska			402.50	••••
Arizona	10,000.00		13,930.19	139.30
Arkansas	5,000.00		547.55	10.95
California, Northern	500,000.00		198,258.92	39.65
California, Southern	300,000.00		132,190.00	44.06
Canal Zone	• • • • • • •		4,225.50	••••
Canada			1,242.59	• • • •
Colorado	75,000.00		46,075.14	61.44
Connecticut	100,000.00		358,508.49	358.51
Delaware	10,000,00		11,419.55	114.20
District of Columbia	50,000.00		84,720.87	169.44
Florida	5.000.00		7,798.10	155.96
Foreign	3,000.00		441.00	
Georgia	10,000.00		18,346.74	183.47
Idaho	10,000.00		11,108.69	111.09
Illinois	1,000,000.00		330,533.90	33.05
Indiana	350,000.00		58,103.87	16.60
Iowa	100,000.00		19,855.04	19.86
Kansas	50,000.00		53,796.88	107.59
Kentucky	50,000.00		36,574.80	73.15
Louisiana	25,000,00		18,925.24	75.70
Maine	25,000.00		39,287.71	157.15
	100,000.00		25,612.94	25.61
Maryland	1,500,000.00		734,058.66	48.93
Massachusetts	1,300,000.00		7,570.00	
Mexico	350,000,00		110,173.99	31.48
Michigan	75,000.00		34,106.95	45.47
Minnesota				45.47 47.66
Mississippi	5,000.00 500,000.00		2,383.00 135,855.53	27.17
Missouri				90.89
Montana	50,000.00		45,446.19 30,735.22	153.68
Nebraska	20,000.00		3,565.81	
Nevada	10,000.00 35,000.00		74.165.88	35.66
New Hampshire				211.90
New Jersey	250,000.00		226,476.76	90.59
New York State	1,000,000.00	,	240,252.03	24,03
New York City—Manhatta,n		(679,918.88	
New York City—Brooklyn	1 000 000 00)	152,090.26	05.22
New York City—Bronx	1,000,000.00	\	52,930.79	95.23
New York City—Queens New York City—Richmond		(47,595.57 19.815.59	
Total New York City			952,351.09	
	40.000.55			2.52
New Mexico	10,000.00		202.50	2.03

A. C. R. I. REPORT

SCHEDULE "A"-Continued

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR RELIEF IN IRELAND TREASURER'S REPORT

	Quota	Total Credit	Percentage of Quota
North Carolina	12,500.00	2,527.58	20,22
North Dakota	5,000.00	2,666.38	53.33
Ohio	500,000,00	179,335.94	35.87
Oklahoma	100,000.00	25,886.23	25.89
Oregon	50,000.00	24,604,26	49.21
Pennsylvania	1,500,000.00	210,797.65	14.05
Rhode Island	50,000.00	157,941.53	315.88
South Carolina	12,500.00	752.67	6.02
South Dakota	5,000.00	5,187.54	103.75
Tennessee	25,000.00	20,702.83	82.81
Texas	100,000.00	46,102.39	46.10
Utah	30,000.00	14,243.76	47.48
Vermont	50,000.00	26,483.64	52.97
Virginia	25,000.00	<i>2</i> 7,072.60	108.29
Washington	75,000.00	41,641.73	55.52
West Virginia	25,000.00	27,811.33	111.24
Wisconsin	50,000.00	61,776.98	123.55
Wyoming	10,000.00	16,368.52	163.69
Unallotted Quota	30,000.00	******	••••
Totals	510,240,000.00	\$5,069,194.39	49.50

SCHEDULE "B"

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR RELIEF IN IRELAND TREASURER'S REPORT

Remittances to Mr. James G. Douglas, Treasurer Irish White Cross, from the Commencement to August 17, 1922

Date 1921		glish rency	American Currency	
Jan. 7	£6,849	6s.	4d.	\$25,000.00
21	10,000	00.	141	37,812.50
Feb. 11	10,000			38,943.75
25	16,000			61,980.00
Mar. 28	10,000			39,237,50
Apr. 9	10,000			39,050.00
13	10,000			39,062.50
27	2,531			9,997.45
28	30,000			118,762.50
May 12	15,000			59,676.56
18	15,000			59,925.00
22	15,000			59,981.25
27	15,000			58,153,12
June 3	15,000			58,293.75
10	4 7 4 4 4			56,550.00
17				56,831.25
24				56,025.00
30	15,000			55,931.25
July 8	4 4 4 4 4 4			55,701.56
Sept. 2				372,062,50
9	4 7 000			55,818,75
19				55,725.00
26				242,364.06
Oct. 3	. 15,000			55,959.37
3	50,000			186,953.12
4	50,000			187,062.50
24	. 15,000			59,221.87
31	. 15,000			58,968.75
Nov. 1	. 14,999			58,796.08
1	. 1	бs.	8d.	5.23
14	. 246	18s.	3d.	1,000.00
29	. 70,000			279,521.87
Dec. 16				62,578.12
19	. 75,000			314,789.06
1922				
Jan. 6	. 15,000			62,995.31
13	. 15,000			63,459.38
20				63,159.37
27				63,590.62
Feb. 3				64,490.62
15				130,537.50
20	. 15,000			65,887.50
23				220,773.43
27				66,553.12
Mar. 10	. 60,000			261,637.50

SCHEDULE "B"-Continued

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR RELIEF IN IRELAND TREASURER'S REPORT

Date 1922	English Currency			American Currency
Apr. 17	. 30,000			\$132,618,75
24	15,000			66,403.13
May 1	15,000			66,412.50
May 11	15,000			66,684.37
15	15,000			66,721.88
22	15,000			66,721.87
29	15,000			66,731.25
June 5	15,000			67,556.25
12	15,000			67,387.50
16	15,000			66,965.63
28	30,000			132,075.00
Total Remitted to Ireland July 1 Interest received on un-	£ 1,210,627	11s.	3d.	\$4,907,103.70
distributed funds in Ireland	5,000			22,250.00
Total£	1.215,627	11s.	3d.	\$4,929,353.70

The above includes restricted contributions amounting to \$14,449.00.

SCHEDULE "C"

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR RELIEF IN IRELAND TREASURER'S REPORT

Expenditures—Re-relief in Ireland of representatives sent to Ireland by the Committee from the Commencement to August 17, 1922

NATURE OF EXPENDITURES	Engli £	sh Cu	rrency d.	U.S. Currency
Cables, Telegrams and Telephones Charity Relief and Miscellaneous Ex-	668	19	9	\$3,394.16
penditures	85	6	01/2	333.18
Newspapers, Magazines, Books and Maps	90	3	i'	352.14
Office Furniture and Fixtures	56	8	2	220.33
Office Rent	185	17	1	725.92
Office Salaries	438	8	0	1,712.34
Office Supplies and Expenses	189	12	1	740.57
Photographs	226	16	7	885.96
Publicity	91	0	0	355.44
Relief	32	7	5	126.44
Salaries and Home Allowances	5,458	1	11	21,318.64
Traveling and Maintenance	5,959	3	81/2	27,181.71
Total£14	1,682	3s.	10d·	\$57,346.83

SCHEDULE "D"

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR RELIEF IN IRELAND

TREASURER'S REPORT

Statement as of August 17, 1922, showing (1) Credits applicable to Expenses of National Committee, (2) Expenses incurred by National Committee, and (3) Surplus in Expense Fund.

(1) Credits Applicable to Expenses. Interest, etc., on Investments	72,039.93	193,474.61
Less: Advances made by National Com-	215.43	
mittee	215.43	
\$	193,474.61	
(2) Expenses of National Committee Salaries Printing and Advertising—Publicity. Publicity Agency Service. Printing—Ordinary Cables, Telegrams, Telephones and Messenger Service Traveling Expenses—Domestic A. C. R. I. Buttons. Books, Stationery and Office Expenses. Postage and Expressage. Office Furniture and Fixtures. Rent—Secretary's Office—1 West 34th St., N. Y. City Rent—Secretary's Office—8 East 41st St., N. Y. City Rent—Theatrical and Motion Picture Division— 1568 Broadway, New York City.	\$77,918.83 39,102.67 7,600.00 2,545.23 13,908.73 11,704.52 8,245.24 6,913.44 5,522.94 2,547.90 4,100.00 787.13	190,664.06
<u>\$</u>	190,664.06	
(3) Surplus in Expense Fund Credits		\$2,810.55

SECTION III.

ORIGIN AND HISTORY OF A. C. R. I.

The American Committee for Relief in Ireland was organized in New York City in December, 1920.

Previous to this time our daily newpapers were continually printing stories of hardship and distress in Ireland. Requests had been made to America for help, and finally the clergy of Ireland made a united appeal in the name of humanity for aid for their distressed people.

The purpose of the American Committee for Relief in Ireland, as stated in the minutes of the original meeting, was "to devise and consider ways and means of relieving the acute distress due to the recent (1920) occurrences in that country."

The appeal to the American public for support, which is printed on pages 59 and 60, states the Committee's objective very clearly. Its activity was to be purely non-political, non-sectarian, and solely humanitarian. The Committee entered on its great task to relieve misery and suffering, and won the support of the American public of whatever political or religious opinion.

Committees were formed in every state of the Union to carry on the great work of humanity. The state committees organized local committees, until finally every part of the United States was aiding the cause of the stricken women and children of Ireland.

In order that the truth of the existing conditions in Ireland should be known, the Committee sent a delegation of American citizens, all of whom were members of the religious Society of Friends, to make an impartial investigation and ascertain to what extent the American Committee might be called upon for aid.

The delegation consisted of Messrs. R. Barclay Spicer, Philadelphia, Pa.; Oren B. Wilbur, Greenwich, N. Y.; Philip W. Furnas, Canby, Ind.; William Price, Philadelphia, Pa.; John C. Baker,

Everett, Pa.; and Walter C. Longstreth, Philadelphia, Pa. They were accompanied by Messrs. C. J. France, Seattle, Wash., Chairman, and Samuel D. McCoy, New York City, Secretary, and arrived in Ireland on February 12, 1921. Their report, which is printed in full on pages 62 to 67, was used as the basis of the amount of relief work that the Committee might have to furnish.

Accordingly it was publicly announced that the sum of \$10,240,000 would be asked from the American public to alleviate the misery and want of the women and children in Ireland.

Each state was allotted an amount it was to raise to carry on the relief work, the details of which are given in Schedule "A" of the Treasurer's report. It is only necessary to state that on a percentage basis Connecticut, with an allotment of \$100,000 raised \$358,508.49 or 358.51% of its quota. Rhode Island was a close second with 315.88% of its quota, which was \$50,000, its credit being \$157,941.53. New Hampshire with a quota of \$35,000, and a credit of \$75,165.88 or a percentage of 211.90% was third.

Considering the amount of money forwarded to the Committee, New York state is the leader, being credited with \$1,182,365.42, of which New York City with a quota of \$1,000,000, forwarded \$942,113.39, or 94.21% of its allotment. The balance of New York state with a quota of \$1,000,000, has a credit of \$240,252.03.

Massachusetts with a quota of \$1,500,000, sent \$733,998.66. Connecticut, as stated before, gave \$358,508.49.

The late Cardinal Gibbons made an eloquent appeal to America to heed the distress of the Irish people, and to succor them in their hour of trial. The late Cardinal's message is printed on page 19.

The following is a copy of the "Summons to Service" published by the National Executive Committee on March 17, 1921, upon the opening of the national campaign for funds:

TO ALL AMERICANS

A SUMMONS TO SERVICE

TODAY, the Seventeenth of March, the gracious, gentle and appealing figure of the great missionary, teacher, and apostle of the Irish race looms before us against the background of sixteen centuries. He came not as a warrior or a conquerer, not as an Alexander or a Caesar, not in military pomp or splendor, but in the meek and lowly garb of a follower and preacher of the gospel of Christianity.

Sixteen hundred years have come and gone since Saint Patrick, without fire or fagot, without rack or rope, but solely with the gentle suasion of the word of God, converted a whole people. The light of his benign mission of mercy and love still shines down the centuries with high hopes of ultimate brotherhood for all mankind.

It is in this spirit that the American Committee for Relief in Ireland announces the initiation of the nation wide campaign for Irish Relief on the anniversary of Saint Patrick. worthy information from all sources shows that the people of Ireland are drinking the dregs of human suffering to a still greater degree even than Belgium during the great war. Property is being everywhere destroyed, houses and homes wrecked and devastated, and the aged and the infirm, the women and the children, are the chief sufferers. We are not concerned with the causes of this suffering, our appeal is solely humanitarian, absolutely nonsectarian, and strictly non-political.

We confidently appeal, therefore, to the great heart of America. As America succored Belgium so will she come to the aid of stricken Ireland. cause is the cause of humanity, our sole purpose to alleviate human suffering. Our faith is in the American people. Ten millions of dollars must be raised within the next few weeks to meet the conditions we have just described. We call upon America to contribute to this great cause to the end that want and famine and disease, the fearful aftermath of war, may not overwhelm a whole people.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: SIGNED:

MORGAN J. O'BRIEN, Chairman J. Cardinal Gibbons Jane Addams Elisabeth Marbury Hon. Josephus Daniels William Randolph Hearst George B. Cortelyou Hon. O. H. Shoup, Governor of Colorado Hon. Lee M. Russell,

Governor of Mississippi . Edwin P. Morrow, Hon. Edwin P. Morron, Governor of Kentucky

Make checks payable to

Charles G. Dawes David Starr Jordan Bernard M. Baruch Henry Morgenthau
Charles Nagel
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James J. Phelan Lawrence Godkin John Quinn Martin J. Gillen Thomas J. Maloney W. McConaughy J. W. McConaugay William P. Larkin James A. Flaherty Joseph C. Pelletier Bishop Michael J. Gallagher John F. Lucey, National Director John J. Pulleyn, Treasurer Richard Campbell, Secretary

JOHN J. PULLEYN, Treasurer AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR RELIEF IN IRELAND As will be noted in schedule "C" of the Treasurer's report, remittances were made to Ireland almost from the inception of the Committee. Mr. Edward L. Doheny, Los Angeles, Cal., placed at the committees disposal \$250,000, in order that the relief work might begin even before funds were collected from the public.

Accordingly on January 7, 1921, there was cabled to Ireland \$25,000, which was to be used for the relief of suffering and distress in the City of Cork and surrounding country, and in the City of Belfast. It was understood by the Committee that the need at that time was greatest in the centres just mentioned. The money was intrusted for distribution to Mr. James G. Douglas, of Dublin, Ireland.

Mr. Douglas is a prominent merchant of Dublin, a member of the religious Society of Friends, and is held in the highest esteem by all classes of people of whatever religious or political affiliation. He was later chosen to be the Honorary Treasurer of the Irish White Cross.

Unknown to the people here there was founded in Ireland at this time, (December, 1920), a society or committee known as the Irish White Cross. Like the American Committee for Relief in Ireland, it was organized solely for the relief of suffering and distress in Ireland, and its members were representatives of practically every shade of political and religious belief of the people there. As stated in their report, "They were actuated solely by humanitarian motives, for they were convinced that the relief of human suffering was a moral duty binding on every citizen, irrespective of political or religious creed."

The American Committee decided at an early date to distribute its relief through the Irish White Cross, as it was realized that this society covered the whole of Ireland, and being on the ground, the distribution cost of affording relief would be very small. This fact is borne out by the report of the Irish White Cross (page 56), which states that the "expenses were less than one per cent of the amount expended for relief."

The origin and membership of the Irish White Cross are printed in full in this report and are taken verbatim from their Report to August 31, 1922. Due to lack of space the personnel of its 600 committees, the members of which, who served mostly without pay, is omitted. Much credit and thanks are due them for their unselfish devotion to the cause of succoring the needy in the hour of distress.

In many parts of the United States, contributions were solicited and forwarded to the National Treasurer before the official time set for raising funds. The monies thus collected were, immediately used to relieve cases of acute distress then prevailing in Ireland. Among the localities raising funds in advance were, The Archdiocese of New York; New York City Committee; James Butler Employees Mutual Benefit Association, New York City; New York State Commission for Relief of Suffering in Ireland; Cambria County Committee, Pennsylvania; and the State Committee of Delaware.

The committee is deeply indebted to the Archbishop of New York, Most Rev. Patrick J. Hayes, D.D., for the generous support given the committee in his Archdiocese. He actively espoused the committee's cause and had the churches of his diocese take up a collection which exceeded \$110,000.

The committee also wishes to thank Mr. George H. (Tex) Rickard, who donated the use of Madison Square Garden (New York City) for a boxing tournament, the proceeds of which increased the Irish Relief Fund by over \$65,000.

The hierarchy, clergy and members of the Catholic Church rendered great assistance to the Committee by organizing local committees and soliciting and contributing funds for relief. The Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent Protective Orders of Elks, the Friends of Irish Freedom, the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic, the Ancient Order of Hibernians and many other organizations materially assisted in aiding the fund for the relief of the women and children of Ireland.

After the committee began to function, it was realized that considerable advertising space and bill posting would be necessary to bring the committee's appeal for aid before the American public. This difficulty was ably solved by Mr. Peter J. Carey of New York, who magnanimously donated all the posters and relief placards used during the drive for funds. Through his efforts and without cost to the committee, there was also placed at its disposal, advertising space throughout the United States.

At its inception, the Executive Committee, adopted the policy that all relief funds transmitted to it, should be used solely for relief work; in other words, there would be no deduction made for the expenses of the National Executive Committee. This led to the adoption of "All for Relief Work." How well this policy was carried out will be seen from the Treasurer's report, Schedule "D," in which the Credits to, and the Expenditures from the Expense Fund are itemized. The members of the National Executive Committee personally made donations to the expense fund, and the total of their donations, with the other credits slightly exceeded the expenses.

The Treasurer's office from the inception of the Committee was located at 51 Chambers Street, New York City, at the offices of the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank, of which our Treasurer, Mr. John J. Pulleyn, is the President. The office force was under the direction of the Assistant Treasurer, Mr. Edward J. McPike, Certified Public Accountant, New York State.

The headquarters of the Secretary, Hon. Richard Campbell, were originally located at 1 West 34th Street, then at 8 East 41st Street. He then consolidated his office with that of the Treasurer at 51 Chambers Street, New York City. The Secretary's office force was under the supervision of the Assistant Secretary, Mr. James A. Healy.

The Theatrical and Motion Picture Division with headquarters at 1568 Broadway, was under the supervision of Mr. Joseph B. Maxwell. This division held on April 3, 1921, a benefit performance at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York City, which was very

successful and was the occasion of the committee's work receiving the hearty approval and endorsement of President Harding. Benefit performances were also given under the auspices of this division, at Atlantic City, N. J.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Buffalo, N. Y. The funds subscribed were credited to the Committees where the performances were held.

Too much cannot be said of the unselfish devotion to the cause of humanity shown by the members of the American Stage. All of the performers gave their services free at the Metropolitan Opera House performance, as well as at those given in the four cities mentioned above.

It is also proper that the name of John McCormack, Ireland's great son and tenor should be given special mention for the time and effort he so unsparingly gave to the committee's work, and for the large amount of funds he raised for relief by his personal concerts given in the cities of New York, Chicago, and Boston.

The National Committee held a National Dinner in New York City, at the Hotel Astor on May 26, 1921. It was well attended by people from all sections of the United States and was a fitting climax to the committee's activities. Among the guests present were, The Right Honorable Alderman L. O'Neill, Lord Mayor of Dublin, and Mr. R. A. Anderson, who were in the United States as a Delegation of the Irish White Cross to confer with the American Committee concerning the disbursement of relief funds in Ireland.

Special mention should be made of the members of the National Executive Committee of which Hon. Morgan J. OBrien is chairman. The time and energy given so unsparingly by all the members of this committee deserve no uncertain praise. Although ranking high in the commercial life of the country and therefore beset with many interests, no work was too great, no task too small to gain their personal time and attention.

Leaders in every walk of life in all parts of the United States served in some capacity or other on either the State or Local Committees. It is therefore fitting and just that the National Executive Committee express its sincere thanks and appreciation for the unselfish devotion, and almost unlimited time given by the members of all committees, their workers and contributors. The American Committee for Relief in Ireland is proud to have been associated with all those who so nobly served humanity's cause.

Great credit is due to the members of the Managing Committee for their untiring effort to make the work of the Committee a success. The committee was composed of Messrs. Hon. Richard Campbell, John J. Pulleyn, Thomas J. Maloney, J. W. McConaughy and Captain John F. Lucey, the latter being the National Director during March and April, 1921.

Realizing that proper and adequate check should be kept on all receipts and disbursements, the National Treasurer John J. Pulleyn, in conjunction with the Assistant Treasurer Edward J. McPike, C.P.A., devised and installed a thorough system of accounting and office procedure for use by the National, State and Local Committees, and proper accounts and records were kept under their direction to show all the activities of the Committee. These accounts were audited by Patterson, Teele and Dennis, Public Accountants and Auditors, and their report is in exact agreement with the Treasurer's. Their certificate is attached to the statement of Receipts and Disbursements, on page 42.

For the purpose of easy comparison, the funds transmitted to Ireland are shown in both English and American Currency.

The details of the distribution of the relief fund are printed in full in the report of the Irish White Cross, and are therefore omitted from this report.

Mr. John J. Pulleyn, Treasurer and Hon. Richard Campbell, Secretary visited Ireland in October, 1921, in connection with the work of the American Committee for Relief in Ireland. On their departure for America the Irish Plenipotentiaries then engaged in London in negotiating the Irish Treaty, gave the following letter to the representatives of the American Committee which expresses more fully than can be narrated here, the public expression of gratitude of the Irish people for the relief given by America:

"Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries,
"Secretariat,
"22 Hans Place, S. W.,
"29th October, 1921.

"To

"Judge Campbell and Mr. J. J. Pulleyn,

"On their departure to America, October 30th, 1921.

"The Irish Delegates now engaged in negotiations for peace wish to express to you, and ask you to convey to the other members of the American Committee for Relief in Ireland, the profound gratitude which they, in common with their fellow-countrymen, feel toward the Committee, and all those in the United States who have contributed to its funds, for the generous assistance sent to Ireland for the relief of the suffering, loss and misery incurred by the Irish people in their struggle for national independence.

"We also take the opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the able and devoted work done in Ireland on behalf of your committee by Messrs. France and McCoy and those associated with them.

"It is not only that the material aid you have organized has been of incalculable benefit, you and your friends have helped to sustain the spirit of our people, and to make them realize that your great nation stood beside them with encouragement, sympathy and hope in the terrible ordeal undergone in the efforts to save their national institutions and the very fabric of their national life from destruction.

"Once more we thank you for all that your humane intervention has meant for our people, and heartily wish you God-speed.

"Beir buaidh agus beannacht,

"Arthur Griffith.

"Michael Collins.

"George Gavan Duffy.

"R. C. Barton.

"Eamonn Duggan."

SECTION IV.

ORIGIN AND PERSONNEL OF THE IRISH WHITE CROSS

The Irish White Cross Society was organized to cope with the distress and destitution resulting in Ireland from the war caused by the determination of the Irish people to assert their right to This war in its intensified form began about the nationhood. middle of 1920, and by the close of that year its consequences in human suffering for the Irish people were on a scale so large that relief work transcended altogether the efforts of private charity. It early became apparent that a central organization was called for to combine and systematize private efforts, and so to extend their sphere and efficacy. Towards the end of 1920 a body of men and women came together, on the invitation of, and under the chairmanship of, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of Dublin, to consider how it was possible to alleviate the great amount of suffering that, even at that date, had resulted from the Irish conflict. These men and women were representative of practically every section of the political and religious beliefs of the Irish community—except, indeed, of the Orange and Unionist parties of the North-East corner. They were actuated solely by humanitarian motives, for they were convinced that the relief of human suffering was a moral duty binding on every citizen, irrespective of political or religious creed. In Ireland, owing to the special circumstances of her history, the lines of social, political, and religious cleavage cut more deeply than in other countries, and, as a rule, the resulting animosities render difficult co-operation for national purposes. In the case of the Irish White Cross this difficulty never made itself felt. From the first its members devoted themselves to their humanitarian work, unhampered by their private views on the issue in the Irish conflict. As private citizens they differed fundamentally on that issue; in their corporate capacity their sole function was to work for the relief of their suffering fellow-countrymen. That they have succeeded in their task is proved by the fact that, widely as they differed among themselves on public matters, not one of them resigned from the Society, while no complaint was ever made by any of them, that the work of the organization had ever been deflected in any respect from the purely charitable line laid down for it at the time of its foundation.

The names of the Officers of the Society, of the Trustees, of the Members of the Standing Executive, of the General Council, and of the Managing Committee are given at the beginning of this report. The President of the Society was His Eminence, Cardinal Logue, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland. On the General Council there were two Catholic Archbishops; two Bishops of the Protestant Church of Ireland; the Chief Rabbi of the Jewish community of Dublin; an ex-President of the Irish Methodist Conference; leading Dublin members of the Religious Society of Friends; the Lord Mayors and Mayors of nine Irish cities and towns; several members of Dáil Eireann; representatives of organized labor; a member of the British House of Lords, and many prominent figures in the professional and commercial life of Ireland. From the beginning the Chairman of the Council was the Right Hon. L. O'Neill, Lord Mayor of Dublin, whose position brought him into close touch with the events that made the Society necessary. Thus, the organization was thoroughly representative of all that is best and most characteristic in the life of Ireland.

At the time the Society was founded the terrorist policy was at its height. Already more than 1,000 houses—homesteads, shops, farm-buildings—had been destroyed, whereby 1,000 families were left without homes. Creameries and factories had been ruined, thus causing widespread dislocation in the economic life of the areas they served, with consequent acute distress and poverty. Many people had been killed or maimed, or dragged from their families to be confined in prisons or internment camps. And it must be remembered that the victims of this policy were mainly the non-combatant population. In addition to these victims of the policy of terrorism by the British, there were the victims of the frenzied outbursts of violence in Belfast, in consequence of which some 10,000 workers had been expelled from the factories and workshops of that city, and their homes destroyed and looted.

As a result of all this violence there were about 100,000 people reduced to destitution, with no alternative left to them but the support of charity or escape from their miseries by death from want and hunger. To help these destitute people the Irish White Cross was founded. For this task funds were needed on a scale more extended than it was possible for Ireland herself to provide. That these funds were available was due to the organization in the United States of the American Committee for Relief in Ireland—a list of whose members is printed at the beginning of this report.

No reference to the personnel of the Irish White Cross would be complete without a tribute to the energy, efficiency, and courtesy of the Director of Organization, Henry Kennedy, M.A., D.Sc., a member of the staff of University College, Dublin (to which the gratitude of the Society is due for enabling it to avail itself of the services of Dr. Kennedy), the Acting Secretary, Captain D. L. Robinson, D.S.O., and the office staff generally, under their direction. The work involved in the management of a large organization, such as the Irish White Cross, is so complex that were it not for the efficiency of the Director and his staff the Society could not have succeeded in its work of relief.

SECTION V.

Appeals for Funds issued by the American Committee for Relief in Ireland and by the Irish White Cross.

APPEAL OF A. C. R. I. TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC.

In Ireland to-day thousands of women and children have been driven to the pitiful refuge of the fields and open country. Balbriggan, Granard, Tralee, Templemore, Trim, Tobercurry, Lisburn, Thurles, Mallow, and numerous other towns and villages have been burned and are partly or wholly in ruins. In Cork alone acres of business buildings and homes have been wiped out by fire.

Over forty creameries, the co-operative plants of great and small communities, built by Irish farmers, have been razed to the ground, and the economic units they served have been paralyzed.

Thousands of workers have been thrown out of employment by the burning of factories and creameries, and in consequence of the generally disturbed conditions in Belfast alone, thirty thousand persons, shipyard workers and their families, are on the verge of starvation.

The transportation system has broken down, so that it is difficult to distribute even such supplies as are available in Ireland.

To meet this appalling situation, and to cope with it before it reaches a point where it may menace the very existence of the Irish people, the Ameerican Committee for Relief in Ireland has been formed. This Committee is a non-political and non-sectarian body, solely humanitarian in aim, which seeks the co-operation of all those in whom human suffering evokes sympathy. This American Committee purposes to supply relief to the women and children in Ireland, without regard to political or religious distinctions, through trained relief workers, distributing foodstuffs, clothing, building materials, and medical stores.

The suffering and the helpless in Ireland seek aid from the American people, who have never yet refused an appeal from the suffering and helpless. To relieve the bitter need of the Irish people, we confidently appeal for aid to the humanity of America.

There is little to add to the above, save to point out that Ireland is virtually the only place in the world where the destruction of resources has been continuous. To-day industry is paralyzed in Ireland, and the greater part of the able-bodied male population is leading a hunted and fugitive existence. If present conditions continue unrelieved, the Irish race in Ireland faces virtual annui-hilation. We are confident that Americans of every class and

creed will respond promptly to avert the terrible fate menacing a people to whom they are so closely bound by ties of kinship and of common heritage.

APPEAL OF THE IRISH WHITE CROSS.

The Irish White Cross has been founded in the belief that there is work to be done in Ireland for the relief of hardship and suffering, and the reconstruction of industry, which must appeal to the patriotism of the Irish people as well as to the common humanity of all well-wishers of the country throughout the world. In a time of political disturbance and violence it is still possible for men and women to forget their differences, religious and political alike, and to bend all their energies to a constructive effort for the preservation of their country. The appeal which we make to-day is made not in the name of any section of people, but in the name of humanity; no political distinctions exist in suffering, and none must exist in its relief. The men and women who constitute the Irish White Cross think differently on many things; they are united by the bond of common charity.

The first appeal must be made to the people of our own country, for they can maintain their courage and confidence in this hour of distress only by showing their determination to build up whatever is destroyed, and to replace every damage which is done to the industry and agriculture of Ireland. If we allow our spirit to be conquered by hardship, the future of our country will be dark, indeed. It has ever been the pride of the people of this nation to go forward through all trials and oppression with undaunted cheerfulness, and we should not to-day be found wanting.

But to our friends overseas we must also appeal, for the need is immediate and great beyond our resources. Cities have been burned, factories and shops wrecked and plundered, farms and farmbuildings, with their stores of crops, destroyed. By these causes, and by the death or imprisonment, often without charge or trial, of the breadwinners of thousands of families, women and children have been brought to the verge of starvation. Unemployment is widespread, trade and commerce have been seriously injured and the basic industries of the country, such as dairying, are threatened. For the repair of all this damage we appeal to those in all countries whose capacity to feel pity is not yet deadened. Already in America the appeal has met with an eager answer, and large sums of money and enthusiastic workers are coming forward to repeat in Ireland the great work lately done in Belgium and in Central Europe.

The Irish White Cross believes that the names of those who have associated themselves with it will justify and give confidence in the appeal for funds among all well-wishers in whatever country. Its policy will be, while recognizing the need for immediate monetary aid to those in want, to give that aid mainly through reconstruction, so that those who have lost their means of livelihood shall not also lose their self-respect by becoming pensioners on the charity of others. In pursuance of this policy, the General Council has authorized the Standing Executive Committee to expend or lend funds for any of the following purposes:—

1. The relief of distress and hardship in the case of individuals

or groups of persons deprived of the means of livelihood.

2. The restoration or repair of buildings, and the replacement or repair of furniture, fittings, machinery, implements, or personal effects.

3. The purchase or provision of stock-in-trade or raw materials to replace stocks or materials removed or destroyed.

4. The provision of employment by the organization of works

or otherwise.

Parish Committees will be organized throughout Ireland, and District Committees where necessary. The local bodies will collect money and remit it to the Executive, and they will advise on local needs and assist in the distribution of grants. It is intended that the work shall be of a truly national character, and shall supplement and co-ordinate, while in no way destroying, all work of the same character which is now being done by local or sectional organizations. To relieve acute distress and repair the material damage in Cork, Belfast, Lisburn, Tipperary, and Clare, to mention only a few examples, millions of pounds would be needed. Charity and patriotism alike require that we should without delay combine our energies and resources, so that the burden which now presses grievously on some of our people may be so borne as to exalt us all.

LAURENCE O'NEILL.

Chairman.

L. SMITH-GORDON,

Chairman of Standing Executive Committee.

JAMES G. DOUGLAS,

Honorary Treasurer.

JAMES McNEILL,

Honorary Secretary.

Mansion House, Dublin, 26th February, 1921.

SECTION VI.

Report by the Delegates who visited Ireland in the Spring of 1921 to the American Committee for Relief in Ireland

"Your delegation to Ireland respectfully reports that its members arrived in Ireland on February 12th, and, with the exception of Mr. France, had left Ireland by March 31st. During these fortynine days members of your delegation conducted an investigation into economic distress in Ireland, which, they respectfully submit, has not been equalled in scope by any other investigative body, either Irish, British, American, or of any other nationality.

The members of your delegation themselves visited nearly one hundred communities in Ireland in which acute distress exists. They collected reports as to many other communities from responsible persons of all shades of political opinion, and also had the cooperation of responsible members of the English Society of Friends, who visited the devastated communities of Ireland, and were similarly moved by the distress which they found there existing.

The members of the delegation visited no less than ninety-five cities, towns, villages, and creameries, in which destruction of buildings or property by the military or police forces of the British Crown has occurred.

The places visited range in geographic location from Gortahork, on the extreme north-western coast of Ireland, to Timoleague, on the extreme southern coast; from Dublin, in the east, to Clifden and Aran Islands, in the west. They are located in twenty-two of the thirty-two counties of Ireland.

In the ninety-five places visited there occurred 90 per cent. of the material damage to property owned by the civil population, which has been recorded during the twelve months ending March 31st, 1921.

Your delegation viewed this damage personally, and personally collected on the spot evidence as to the value of the property destroyed. In addition, written statements from reliable sources were supplied to your delegation regarding material damage in the small number of afflicted communities which they were unable to visit.

Summarizing this data in regard to material damage and personal distress, your delegation reports that the material damage to Irish shop-buildings, factories, creameries, and private dwelling-houses, inflicted by the British forces during the past twelve months, amounts approximately to \$20,000,000; that without reductions in the cost of labor and materials the cost of replacing the buildings will be approximately \$25,000,000.

The number of buildings which have been damaged or partially or wholly destroyed within the past twelve months, and which we have viewed, is upwards of 600. Irish Republican statistics place the number of property units destroyed at upwards of 2,000, but this includes not only buildings, but individual shops in buildings, their contents, isolated farm buildings, hayricks, etc.

Homes Destroyed.

The destruction of buildings in 150 towns in so small a country as Ireland is relatively as serious as the destruction of buildings in 5,000 towns and villages would be in so large a country as the United States.

Our own general estimate of \$20,000,000 (£5,000,000) damage throughout Ireland, arrived at from our investigations on the ground, coincides substantially with the total figures collected by Irish Republican statisticians, and, it should be noted, is less by \$8,000,000 than the estimate given us by a responsible Crown official, who is informed in regard to the data in the possession of the Crown estimate at £7,000,000.

The distress which we ourselves witnessed in the ninety-five communities which we visited, and which is scattered throughout Ireland, is, we here emphasize, a distress quite separate and distinct from that distress in Ireland which arises from unemployment due to a general trade depression, such as may be observed in countries throughout the world; it is separate and distinct from the distress arising from long-continued poverty, such as may be observed in the slums of New York or Chicago or London; it is wholly separate and distinct from the economic distress of Irish women and children whose male relatives may be engaged in active armed opposition to the British military forces operating in Ireland, and whose male relatives, thus being unable to engage in their ordinary industrial avocations, leave their families in want.

The distress we are here dealing with is that of habitually thrifty and industrious workers, who would be able to continue their occupations and to support their families were it not for the abnormal situation now existing in Ireland; men and women who are emphatically neither the so-called "professional beggars," who are common to all countries, nor the workers whom the trade stagnation, which has been prevalent throughout the world, has temporarily thrown out of employment; they are an industrious section of the community, never previously in need of help from anyone, and who would not accept it now if the alternative which faced them were not the starvation of their families; men and women who have quietly gone about their peaceful pursuits all their lives, and who have steadfastly refrained from taking any part in armed activities. It is for such persons, now thrown out of work, that we confidently invoke the sympathy and practical help of every American, solely on the ground of that fundamental mercy and humanity which transcends all else.

100,000 in Need.

We found that there are some 25,000 families, numbering approximately 100,000 men, women and children, who are in pitiful need of instant help from the American people.

We may point out that even when employed the workman in Ireland receives a wage so low that it would be difficult for an American to understand how the Irish workman can support himself and his family upon such a wage. Now, through no fault of their own, the families to which we refer are without even this pitifully small income. In most cases their pathetic savings have already been spent for the barest necessaries of existence. They need bread, and they need it quickly.

The present prevailing wage for ordinary unskilled labor in Ireland ranges from \$9 to \$14 a week; even those who are working at electric power houses, for example, receive only \$14; motormen receive \$12.50; conductors, \$11.50; farm laborers rarely more than \$8.

To-day the 25,000 families to which we refer have not even this scanty income. They do not receive the unemployment allowance, which was limited to eight weeks. What will it cost to feed them? A wages commission was recently appointed in Cork City to determine the minimum on which a man and family could exist in reasonable respectability. A report fixing the minimum living wage at \$14 was returned.

The families which we found to be justly within the province of your Committee's helpfulness are now cut off from earning this \$14 a week, or any sum whatever. They can manage to keep alive on a diet which would seem a starvation diet to the poorest American family—a diet chiefly consisting of no more than bread and tea at every meal, with a bowl of soup two or three times a week as a luxury—and this meagre diet, the rental of bare lodgings, and an almost infinitesimal supply of fuel for heat and cooking, can be obtained for \$7 a week. This will keep life in a family of five—father, mother, and three children—and this is the minimum amount which will be necessary for each family.

When we state that there are 25,000 families now in need of help in Ireland, we are quite aware that the ordinary traveller through Ireland, going only by train, and visiting not more than two or three communities, would be unaware that any such degree of distress exists. From his train window he would see only a green and fertile countryside, of immense agricultural wealth, and fully capable of supporting its population. In the towns he might visit he would see, in his casual walks through their business streets, little that would lead him to believe that acute distress exists.

But if he looked beneath the surface, if he went from house to house, outside the beaten paths of travel, eliminating all the distress from unemployment resulting from trade depression, and all the distress of the habitual mendicant class, he would still find, in every little village that he entered, two, three, or a half-dozen families which had never before been in want, and which, but for the fact that they had at last come face to face with starvation, would never

let their need be guessed.

Let him go, as we did, from town to town, adding up such cases as these, one by one, until he had gone the length and breadth of Ireland; let him visit the towns where shops and factories have been destroyed, and add up the numbers of those kept out of employment by the crippling of those industries; let him take note of the hundreds of families brought to continued distress by the destruction of the business centre of Cork, and the thousands of families in Belfast whose wage-earners have been able to earn nothing since they were driven from the shipyards of Belfast seven months ago; and when he has looked at the total he himself has set down, he will wonder that his casual thought was that there is little distress.

They Face Starvation.

One hundred thousand men, women and children! Less than three per cent. of the total population of Ireland, it is true; but if 3,000,000 Americans were faced with actual starvation to-day, who had never known distress until to-day, who would say that there

was not a most pitiful situation in America?

From the crippling of the co-operative creameries in Ireland, 15,000 farmers, who supplied these creameries with milk for butter and cheese-making, are suffering severe loss, and are faced with even more deeply, serious distress in the immediate future. Their situation is not due to general business depression. It has been brought about by conditions wholly outside their control, and not related in any way to market stagnation, which, in fact, does not exist. Upon these 15,000 farmers depend 45,000 women and children.

Creameries Destroyed.

Our investigation into the destruction of creameries in Ireland, the reasons for this destruction, the economic importance of the cooperative dairy business in Ireland, and the cost of restoring the damaged creameries to their normal state, was conducted by Mr. Oren B. Wilbur, a dairy farmer of wide experience and mature judgment, and Mr. William B. Price, an architect. Mr. Wilbur and Mr. Price were at all times in close consultation with the officials of the Irish Agricultural Organization Society, Plunkett House, Dublin,

which was built up by the co-operative movement in Ireland durthe organization of which Sir Horace Plunkett is the head, and which was built up by the co-operative movement in Ireland during the past 27 years. It is purely an industrial organization, and one which has sedulously kept itself free from political interests of any sort throughout its existence. On the major portion of their tour of investigation, covering hundreds of miles, Mr. Wilbur and Mr. Price were accompanied by Mr. Fant, the chief traveling representative of Plunkett House in the organization and operation of creameries

During the past year, ending on April 9, 1921, more than 50 attacks by Crown forces were made on co-operative creameries, resulting in their partial or total destruction. Mr Wilbur and Mr. Price personally visited 29 of these creameries, including all those where the most heavy damage was inflicted, and directly collected reports regarding 26 others. They estimate that the amount necessary to restore these 55 creameries to operation is £114,279, but state that in arriving at this figure they adopted drastically reduced estimates, and give it as their opinion that the total sum needed to rehabilitate the creameries completely amounts to £250,000.

The s	ummary:				Men, Women
	•				Children
O	n dairy farms				60,000
	n Belfast				23,000
Iı	n Cork				8,000
I	n 150 smaller co	mmunit	ies thro	ughou	t
	Ireland	• • •			3,000
					94.000

The minimum needed is \$450,000 a month.

Material Damage.

There are to-day upwards of 1,000 co-operative agricultural societies in Ireland, with a membership of 140,000 farmers. Their trade in butter, cheese, and other agricultural products amounted during the year 1919 to £11,158,583, making the average annual turn-over for each society £10,886. The 55 damaged creameries included many whose annual turnover was far above this average, the total number of farmers supplying these creameries with milk being approximately 15,000, and their aggregate annual turn-over being approximately £1,000,000.

At the annual meeting of the Irish Agricultural Organization Society in Dublin on March 22nd last, at which Mr. France was present, the annual report was submitted. In regard to the des-

truction of creameries the report said:-

"The material damage resulting from over fifty attacks on creameries—over sixty, if fourteen raids on one society were to be separately included—cannot yet be exactly stated, but will, it is estimated exceed £200,000. If consequential damage is taken into account, as in some cases the County Court Judges who had tried them agreed to be equitable, the financial loss was incalculable. It may run to £1,000,000."

In the supplementary report drawn up by Mr. Wilbur, at the conclusion of the exhaustive investigation made by Mr. Price and

himself, Mr Wilbur says:-

"I wish to express my conviction that the creameries and their auxiliaries are the most important of all the immediate relief needs which the American people can help, and I wish to strongly urge upon the Committee the consideration of their claims. whole butter and cheese-making industry will be hard hit if these creameries are not soon set running again; and, further, the cattleraising business will also be affected. Now, all the calves are raised on the skimmed milk from the creameries, instead of a part being 'vealed' as they are in many parts of America. Then, when they are about two years old, they are sold to the graziers in the midlands. who fatten them on the rich grass lands of central Ireland, and then ship them to England. If the lack of creameries results in the farmers being compelled to sell their cows, as it already has in some measure, it will mean that there will be less and less calves, and soon the graziers will find themselves short of feeding stock, and both the dairy and meat product of the kingdom will be seriously curtailed."

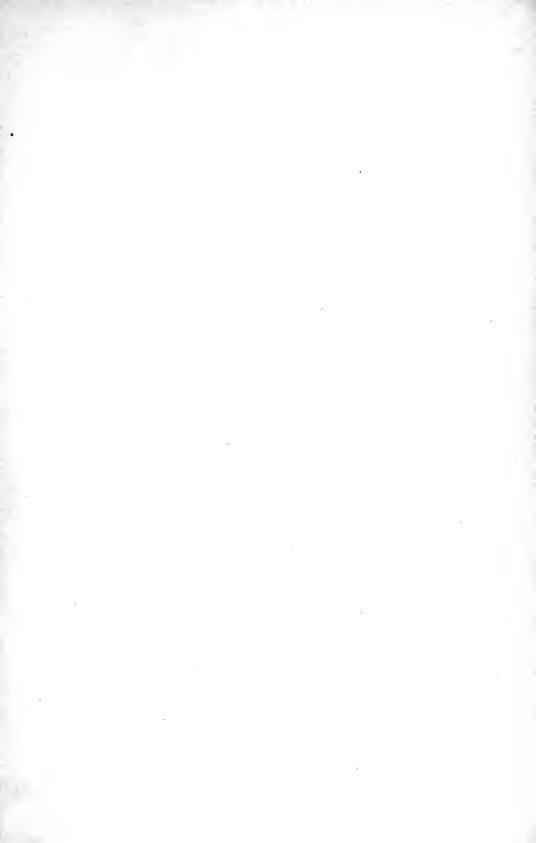
An extract from the reports, supplementary to this report, which are offered by the individual members of the American Society of Friends, who were members of your delegation to Ire-

land, reads:-

The Need.

"Is there a need? There seems to me to be a great need in Ireland, need resulting from three fundamental causes:—(1) The burning of their homes; (2) the destruction of industries upon which persons relied for their support; and (3) the lack of employment resulting from economic stagnation. The need from the burning of homes seems to me to be both great and pressing. We went through dozens of towns where there were homes and shops burnt; in most cases these people have made claims ror damages, but, in the meantime, these claims have not been paid; in many cases there is little probability of their ever being paid. As an individual I am entirely convinced that many of these people were entirely innocent of any complicity in the act for which they were punished by having their homes burnt."





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